

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with --System and Method for Synchronizing Electronic Mail  
Between a Client Site and a Central Site--.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 25 line 18, please replace "835" with --830--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Once Amended) A client system comprising:  
2 [retrieving] obtaining means for [retrieving an] obtaining e-mail from a [first]  
3 mail [store] server;  
4 determining means[, coupled to the retrieving means,] for using a predetermined  
5 criterion to determine whether to send the e-mail to a [second] central mail store;  
6 establishing means, coupled to the determining means, for establishing a  
7 communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and  
8 sending means, coupled to the establishing means, for sending [the] e-mail to the  
9 [second] central mail store.

- 1 2. (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the [first] mail [store] server  
2 implements a first protocol.

- 1 Please cancel claim 3. ✓

- 1 <sup>10</sup>4. (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 [wherein the first mail store stores the e-  
2 mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder  
3 structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

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1 ~~5.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim [3] ~~2~~ wherein the [retrieving] obtaining  
2 means includes an e-mail engine for communicating with the mail server.

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1 ~~8.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the predetermined criterion  
2 includes a determination of whether [the] e-mail has already been sent to the [second]  
3 central mail store.

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1 ~~9.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~8~~ <sup>6</sup> wherein the determination is resolved by  
2 examining a receipt date corresponding to the e-mail and a last synchronization signature  
3 indicating the last date of synchronization with the central mail store.

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1 ~~11.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~10~~ <sup>8</sup> wherein the [second] central mail store  
2 is protected by a firewall and the communications module includes security means for  
3 communicating through the firewall.

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1 ~~13.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a synchronization-  
2 start module for using a start criterion to determine when to initiate synchronization with  
3 the central mail store.

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1 ~~14.~~ (Once Amended) A client system comprising:  
2 an e-mail engine for [retrieving an] obtaining e-mail from a [first] mail [store]  
3 server;  
4 an e-mail synchronization module[, coupled to the e-mail engine,] for using a  
5 predetermined criterion to determine whether to send [the] e-mail to a [second] central  
6 mail store;  
7 a communications module coupled to the e-mail synchronization module for  
8 establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and  
9 a web engine, coupled to the communications module, for sending [the] e-mail to  
10 the [second] central mail store.

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1 ~~13.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~<sup>23</sup> wherein the [first] mail [store] server  
2 implements a first protocol.

1 Please cancel claim 16. ✓

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1 ~~17.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~<sup>23</sup> ~~14~~ wherein the first mail store stores  
2 the e-mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder  
3 structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

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1 ~~18.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~<sup>23</sup> ~~15~~ wherein the e-mail engine  
2 implements the first protocol used by the mail server to communicate with the mail  
3 server.

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1 ~~20.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~<sup>23</sup> wherein the predetermined criterion  
2 includes a determination of whether [the] e-mail has already been sent to the [second]  
3 central mail store.

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1 ~~21.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~20~~<sup>27</sup> wherein the determination is resolved  
2 by examining a receipt date corresponding to the e-mail and a last synchronization  
3 signature indicating the last date of synchronization with the central mail store.

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1 ~~22.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~<sup>23</sup> wherein the [second] central mail store  
2 is protected by a firewall and the communications module includes security means for  
3 communicating through the firewall.

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1 ~~23.~~ (Once Amended) The system of claim ~~14~~<sup>23</sup> further comprising a synchronization-  
2 start module for using a start criterion to determine when to initiate synchronization with  
3 the central mail store.

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24. (Once Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program code for  
causing a client computer to perform the steps of:  
[retrieving] obtaining [an] e-mail from a [first] mail [store] server;  
using a predetermined criterion to determine whether to send [the retrieved] e-  
mail to a [second] central mail store;  
establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store; and  
sending [the retrieved] e-mail to the [second] central mail store.

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25. (Once Amended) A client-based method comprising:  
[retrieving] obtaining an e-mail from a [first] mail [store] server;  
using a predetermined criterion to determine whether to send the [retrieved] e-  
mail to a [second] central mail store;  
establishing a communications channel with the [second] central mail store, if the  
predetermined criterion indicates sending the e-mail; and  
sending the [retrieved] e-mail to the [second] mail store, if the predetermined  
criterion indicates sending the e-mail.

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26. (Once Amended) The method of claim <sup>13</sup>25 wherein the [first] mail [store] server  
implements a first protocol.

1 Please cancel claim 27. ✓

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28. (Once Amended) The method of claim <sup>13</sup>27 wherein the first mail store stores  
the e-mails in a folder structure, and] further comprising means for selecting [the] a folder  
structure for synchronization of all e-mails therein.

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31. (Once Amended) The method of claim <sup>13</sup>25 wherein the step of using a  
predetermined criterion includes determining whether [the] e-mail has already been sent  
to the [second] central mail store.